SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

February 21st, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"
(**Romans 8:31**)

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[Reader] patience is a direct result of faith in Christ. If I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ rules this world for my *good* and His *glory*, I will be patient and content with His good providence. Recognizing my own sinful infirmities and the Lord's patience with me, I am constrained to bear the infirmities and offenses of my brethren with patience. Faith in Christ produces patience before God and men.—Don Fortner

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

David Eddmenson
February 26th, 27th, & 28th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

God Is

"…If God be for us, who can be against us?" (**Romans 8:31**)

He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End. He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all! He is the Architect of the universe and The Manager of all times. He always was, He always is, and He always will be...unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone! He was bruised and brought healing! He was pierced and eased pain! He was persecuted and brought freedom! He was dead and brought life! He is raised and brings power! He reigns and brings Peace! The world can't understand Him, armies can't defeat Him, the schools can't explain Him, and the leaders can't ignore Him. Herod couldn't kill Him, The Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and the people couldn't hold Him! Nero couldn't crush Him, Hitler couldn't silence Him, The New Age can't replace Him, and Donahue [talk show hosts] can't explain Him away! He is light, love, longevity, and Lord. He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and God. He is holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure. His ways are right, His word is eternal, and His will is unchanging. He is my Redeemer, He is my Savior, He is my guide, and He is my peace! He is my joy, He is my comfort, He is my Lord, and He rules my life! I serve Him because His bond is love, His burden is light, and His yoke is easy, in Him is abundant life. I follow Him because He is the wisdom of the wise, The power of the powerful, The ancient of days, the ruler of rulers, The leader of leaders, the overseer of the overcomers, and The Sovereign Lord of all that was and is and is to come. He will never leave me, Never forsake me, Never mislead me, Never forget me, Never overlook me, and *never cancel my appointment in His appointment book!* When I fall, He lifts me up! When I fail, He forgives! When I am weak, He is strong! When I am lost, He is the way! When I am afraid, He is my courage! When I stumble, He steadies me! When I am hurt, He heals me! When I am broken, He mends me! When I am blind, He leads me! When I am hungry, He feeds me, when I face trials, He is with me! When I face persecution, He shields me! When I face problems, He comforts me! When I face loss, He provides for me! When I face death, He carries me home! He is everything for His elect, everywhere, every time, and every way. He is God, He is faithful. I am His, and He is mine! So, if you're wondering why I feel so secure, understand this... He said it and that settles it. God is in control, "if He be for me who can be against me?" That means all is well with my soul.—Donnie Bell

Where Does Grace Lead?

"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." (**Romans 6:15**)

Some people would have us believe that if we preach pure grace it will lead people to licentious living. They say if we remove the law as a guide or motivation for Christian living, people will have nothing to keep them faithful. They say to tell a person to just follow Christ doesn't provide enough structure and will lead people to careless living. Is that where the gospel of God's free grace in Christ Jesus leads? Grace preachers have always been, and always will be, falsely accused of this devilish lie. The apostle Paul spent much of his time defending the gospel of grace against this law mongers view of self-righteousness. *"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."* Romans 6:15. Grace does not lead to sin. Grace leads to Christ. *"For the love of Christ constraineth us…"* 2 Corinthians 5:14. Truth is *"The strength of sin is the law"* 1 Corinthians 15:56. Show me a man preaching the law, and I'll show you a people with no hope for their sin; its *penalty*, *power*, and ultimately its *presence*. [Amen!]—Greg Elmquist

The "Him" Book

"Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge"

The Bible is not a 'how to' book, a road map, a calendar of events, a history book, or a code of conduct. The Bible is a Him book. From beginning to end it is the declaration of the redemptive glory of God in Christ. Take the preeminence of Christ out of the Bible and all you have is another book. Use the Bible for any other reason than to declare Christ crucified and you misuse the Word of God. [Amen! Luke 11:52]—Darvin Pruitt

Restraining Grace

"…A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven" (**John 3:27**)

The only thing that makes a difference between the breaking out of one man's sin over another is the restraining grace of God. You know that if the Lord did not restrain you, there would be no limit to the depths of sin you could fall. You fear being left to yourself and plead for the Lord to keep you. You know that you have nothing except that which was given to you from heaven. You cannot find any reason to be puffed up against another. The more you grow in His grace and the knowledge of Christ, the less confidence you have in the flesh. As it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord [1st Corinthians 1:30-31]. [Amen!]—Greg Elmquist